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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on June 16, 2006. Accompanying this response is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a two month extension of time, setting a new time for response to August 16, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 3** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on **page 9** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 10** of this paper.

**An Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following **page 12** of this paper.